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1. MAY 19 ETHIOPIAN HERALD NOTED ARRIVAL CUBAN DELEGATION
ADDIS ABABA MAY 18 TO DISCUSS CUBAN ASSISTANCE IN
ALLEVIATING ETHIOPIAN HEALTH PROBLEMS. CUBANS LED BY
MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. JOSE ANTONIO GUTIERREZ
MUNIZ; EPMG REPRESENTED BY MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. TEFERA
WONDE. HERALD ALSO REPORTED SCHEDULED ARRIVAL CUBAN
NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM ADDIS ABABA MAY 31. CUBAN TEAM
WILL PLAY FOUR MATCHES AND DEPART JUNE 11 FOR TANZANIA.

2. COMMENT: FACT THAT CUBAN MINISTER OF HEALTH LEADING
DELEGATION CLEAR INDICATION CUBANS INTENT PROVIDE MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE TO EPMG. ETHIOPIA HAS ALWAYS HAD SEVERE
SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS, AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THIS
CONDITION EXACERBATED BY EXPULSION OF NAMRU DOCTORS
AND VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE OF MANY WESTERN MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.
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